STATEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1951-52.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—I place before the House the Statement of Supplementary Estimates for 1952-52, copies of which have already been distributed to Members.

DEBATE ON THE FOOD SITUATION.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the debate on the food situation and consideration of the levy system.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Before proceeding further, I want to point out that yesterday you were pleased to direct that copies of the report regarding the levy system be made available to us.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If copies are available, they may be distributed. That was the direction given.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—Is it the Committee appointed by the Government that the Hon'ble Member is referring to?

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—The Committee referred to in Question No. 180. You have stated that there was a Committee and a report of it was received.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The report is not now readily available. I shall make it available to the Hon'ble Member by about 3'30 after the lunch hour. If the Hon'ble Member wants it, I shall give the salient points of that Committee so that it may enable him to partake in the discussion. If the Committee's report itself is necessary, I shall make it available within about 3'30.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is unfortunate that we are not in possession of the report. It would have helped us a good deal.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I shall give the details.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Secondly, we are anxious to discuss about the prevailing distress in the State and bring to the notice of the Government what the distress conditions are and what are the means to be adopted and the reliefs to be given. I earnestly request the Government to set apart one day for the discussion of this question. Perhaps they are under the impression that we could tack it to the food question; but distress conditions are quite different from the food position. This is a most important question. It is not a party issue. We are interested in relieving the State from distress conditions and we are anxious to place before the Government the difficulties. I request another separate day may be set apart for discussing the distress conditions and the steps to be taken hereafter.

(Interruption by Sri M. Sankar Linge Gowda).

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—As Hon'ble Member Sri M. Sankar Linge Gowda was just now remarking, fortunately for my friend, a non-official resolution tabled by an Hon'ble Member has been balloted to appear as the first in the list. It has been tabled by Sri Bheemappa Naik.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I am sorry. I will withdraw my remarks.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—We have no objection to one whole day being set apart.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will see later. Now the debate on the food situation and consideration of the levy system.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—That means to say the time for non-official resolutions will have to be extended.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That we will see.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Mr. Speaker, Sir, while addressing this Hon'ble House during Budget Session in July last, I reviewed in great detail the food position in the State and the food policy pursued in the State ever since the controls were first introduced laying special emphasis on the policy of subsidisation and gradual relaxation of the controls leading to the issue by this Government of the Press Note, dated 10th April 1952, explaining in detail the food policy proposed to be pursued